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LETTER DATED 19 APRIL 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF AZERBAIJAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE
PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to inform you that, following the statement by the President of the Security Council of 6 April 1993 (S/25539) on "the deterioration of relations between the Republic of Armenia and the Republic of Azerbaijan", according to which the Security Council demanded "the immediate cessation of all such hostilities, which endanger peace and security in the region, and the withdrawal of these forces", the Republic of Armenia is blatantly ignoring this statement. The Armenian armed forces are continuing their large-scale aggression in the territory of the Azerbaijani Republic.

According to information from the Ministry of Defence of Azerbaijan, the attacks by the Armenian National Army on various districts of Azerbaijan began immediately after Armenia's occupation of the town of Kelbajar.

The Armenian air force is subjecting settlements in the Agdam and Fizuli districts of Azerbaijan to continuous bombing.

The raids by Armenian air force SU-25 low-flying aircraft and the massive artillery shelling of the town of Fizuli led to the complete destruction of a number of residential buildings. Some 200 missiles and rockets fell on the town. Casualties were avoided because much of the population of 20,000 had been evacuated.

Advance units of Armenian armed formations are currently situated within two to three kilometres of the town. The capture of the town of Fizuli, as we pointed out in our letter of 12 April 1993 to the President of the Security Council (S/25582), poses a threat to four districts in south-western Azerbaijan having a population of over 200,000 people.

Meanwhile, sub-units of regular units of the Armenian armed forces, supported by armoured vehicles, have made an incursion across the northern sector of the Armenian-Azerbaijani border into the Geranboy district of Azerbaijan, coming close to the village of Gyulistan in that district.

The Ministry of Defence of Azerbaijan also reports of attacks by Armenian sub-units from the territory of the Idzhevan district of Armenia on border villages in the Akstafa district of Azerbaijan.

As a result of the ongoing invasion of Azerbaijani territory by the Armenian armed forces, hundreds of peaceful citizens are being killed, thousands of people are being left homeless and new refugees have appeared.

Armenia's territorial ambitions and its persistent desire to expand its own lands at Azerbaijan's expense pose a major threat to peace and security throughout the Transcaucasian region.

We call upon the Security Council to take all necessary measures to restrain the overzealous aggressor and condemn Armenia's aggression against Azerbaijan.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Hassan A. HASSANOV
Ambassador
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